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This book is dedicated to my sunshine, Eliana!



Once upon a time, there lived an innocent and sweet little girl. Whenever she left home, the little girl wore a silky red riding cloak, so everyone in her town affectionately called her Little Red Riding Hood.

Little Red Riding Hood always carried a little basket with her mobile phone, and brought along headphones to listen to her favorite music.



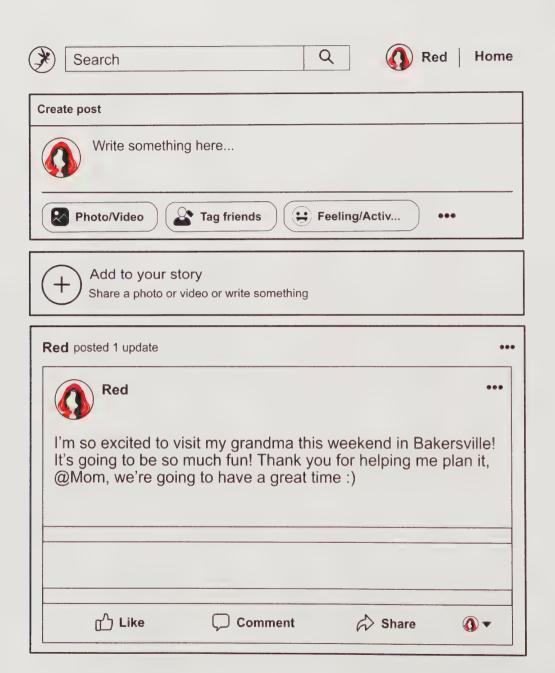
Little Red Riding Hood lived with her mother near a nice bushy green forest, and they would often video chat with her grandmother, who lived in a nearby city.



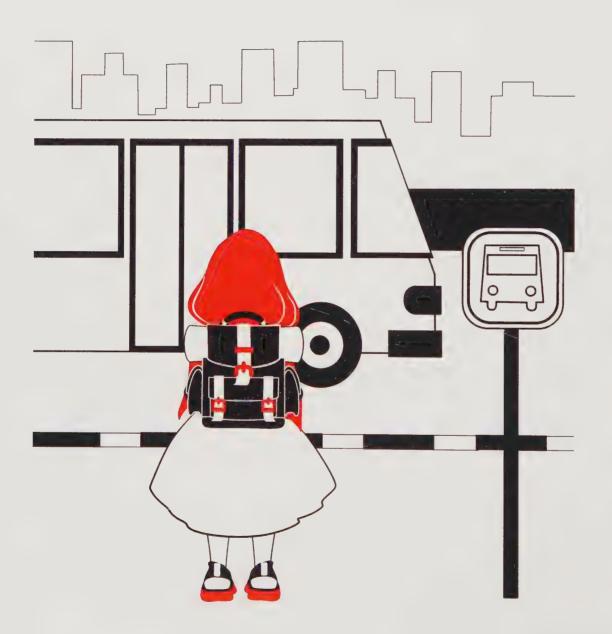
One day, Little Red's grandmother invited her to come stay with her over the weekend. The girl was very excited, because her grandma was her most favorite person in the whole world!



Little Red's mother thought the weekend sleepover was a great idea, so she helped her daughter pack her clothes, necessities, and some healthy treats to take to her grandmother.



Little Red Riding Hood went online to post about how thrilled she was to visit her grandma on FairyBook, the most popular social media platform that all the cool people were using. She added the name of the city her grandma lived in as the location for her post, and tagged her mom.



The next day, Little Red Riding Hood put on her red cloak, and just as she was about to walk to the bus stop, her mother took her aside and instructed her:

"Remember, go straight to Grandma's house. Don't get distracted. Text me if you need anything. And please don't talk to strangers!"

"Don't worry, mom," sighed Little Red Riding Hood,
"I know! I'll be careful."



But when Little Red Riding Hood got on the bus, she put on her headphones and started listening to her favorite song. Soon, she became unaware of her surroundings.

Suddenly, she got a tap on her shoulder, and noticed someone wanted to get her attention.

Little Red Riding Hood wasn't thinking about her mother's advice about not speaking to strangers.

This woman didn't seem like those dangerous strangers her mom warned her about. She seemed so nice that they ended up talking for almost half an hour. It was so easy to open up to her!

Little Red told her where she was from, where she went to school, and everything she loved about her grandma.



After Little Red's new friend got off the bus, Little Red Riding Hood gasped.

"Oh no!!! I missed my stop!"

She quickly got off at the next stop and started looking for another bus to take before it got too late. Just as she reached a bench near the stop, she sat down, exhausted.

Little Red Riding Hood texted her mom, "Missed my stop, but I'm almost there!"

Mom quickly texted back, "Ok, darling, let me know when you get there safely! I love you!"

The girl replied, "I love you too!"



Just then, she received a notification from FairyBook.

"A message? Who could it be?" she thought.

She wasn't friends with this person, but she clicked on it anyways.

"Hi my beautiful granddaughter!" it read.

"I didn't know grandma had a FairyBook! She can hardly use her digital oven! And she's never called me 'granddaughter' before. Oh well! "

Little Red Riding Hood checked the profile, and sure enough, her grandma's photo was there! She was surprised, and typed back.

"Hi, nana! Since when do you have FairyBook?"

Ping! Another message.

"I just got it actually. Excited to see you soon!"

"Wow, grandma, what fast typing skills you have!"

"All the better to speak to you, my dear."

"I'm waiting for the bus stop to get to your house.

I'll be there in 5 minutes!"

"Oh, what bus stop?"

Little Red Riding Hood sent back the name of the bus stop, and after a couple minutes, another ping sound let her know that grandma responded.

"I happen to be on my way home from the store, dear. I can meet you where you are and we'll travel back together."



Little did Little Red Riding Hood know, she was not talking to her granny at all - granny was in her home, cooking her favorite meal (PIZZA!), and patiently waiting for her darling -and only-granddaughter to arrive.



Little Red Riding Hood was actually talking to an impersonator, who had malicious plans for when he would meet the girl at the bus stop. He had been searching through hashtags when he read the girl's post about visiting her grandmother.

Because Little Red's mom was tagged in the post, it was easy for him to find grandma's photo on Little Red's mom's FairyBook profile.

In just a few minutes, he created a simple profile using grandma's photo and a fake email address. It was the perfect plan!

Unfortunately, Little Red Riding Hood was falling for it.



While Little Red Riding Hood waited for her grandma at the bus stop, one of her school friends, Hunter, got off the bus and came by to say "hi."

Little Red told Hunter all about her trip and he was fascinated.

Until Little Red told Hunter about her grandma's new FairyBook profile. He was alarmed.

Hunter, who was cyber savvy, became suspicious as soon as he heard about the fact that Little Red's "grandma" had messaged her for the first time and offered to meet her at the bus stop.

Hunter taught Little Red Riding Hood about impersonators. An impersonator is a person who pretends to be another.

"It doesn't sound like it really was your grandma who messaged you. Who knows what intentions they have!"

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After a quick phone call with her grandma, who had just managed to set her digital oven to broil, Little Red confirmed that Hunter was right.

Little Red thanked him: "Hunter, you're such a good friend!"

He gave Little Red a final word of advice:

"Don't ever make plans with anyone, whether you know them or not, before letting your mom know!"

Little Red Riding Hood remembered her mom's warning and she quickly texted her mom:

"Mom, I just ran into Hunter at the bus stop and he taught me about the dangers of impersonation online."

Little Red's mom was relieved. She suggested that Red and Hunter go together to grandma's house, since it was on his way home.



Little Red Riding Hood and Hunter arrived and grandma was so happy to see them!

She invited Hunter to stay for lunch. She told Little Red she needed to be careful whenever anyone messaged her.

Little Red Riding Hood logged on to her FairyBook account to report and block the impersonator's fake profile.

Hunter taught Little Red Riding Hood and her grandma all the privacy settings that were available to them, and Little Red made all the necessary changes to improve privacy and security on this social network.

Little Red's grandma winked at Hunter and joked:

"Well, I'm not interested in a FairyBook account just yet, but now I know where to go if I need help setting one up!"

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When Little Red Riding Hood came back home, her mom explained that what she does online impacts her offline, like sharing her location, tagging people, and the details she shares.

Her mom also taught her that what she does offline impacts her online, like sharing her information in a public bus to someone she doesn't know, especially while other people are listening.

Little Red Riding Hood hugged her mom tightly and thanked her for protecting her and helping her to stay safe.

And they all lived Happily Ever Cyber!







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